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First Amendment after the RCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 12/18/2003, applicants submit herein a first amendment after the RCE.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office reconsider the patentability of the invention in light of the arguments and amendments presented herein. Applicants submit the following in complete response thereto.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account # 19-0131 for any necessary fees regarding this Reply and any future reply(s) requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claim History

- Claims 1-34 were originally filed on 9/18/2001.
- In the First Amendment dated 2/03/2003:
 - Claims 31-34 were cancelled in response to a restriction requirement, as being drawn to a non-elected invention;
 - Claims 15 and 16 were cancelled;
 - Claims 1, 10, 17, 19, 25, 28, 29 and 30 were amended; and
 - New claims 35-44 were added.
- In the Amendment after Final dated 8/12/2003:
 - Claim 28 was amended (however, the amendment was not entered by the Office)
- In the Reply to the Advisory Action dated 9/25/2003:
 - The previous amendment to claim 28 was entered.
- Claims 1-14, 17-30 and 35-44 are currently pending.

Request for Continuing Examination (RCE)

- A request for continuing examination was filed on 9/25/03, which was accepted. The finality of the previous (Final) Office action was withdrawn.